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SUBJ: INITIAL REACTION TO THE LIKUD VICTORY

1. WITH SENIOR EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP OUT OF CAIRO, IT
HAS BEEN DIFFICULT GET READING OF HIGH LEVEL GOE REACTION
TO LIKUD VICTORY. SADAT AND FAHMY ARE DOUBTLESS CONCERNED,
AND ASSESSMENT OF WHAT LIKUD VICTORY MEANS IN TERMS OF
ME PEACE EFFORT WILL CERTAINLY FIGURE PROMINENTLY
IN UPCOMING SADAT/KHALID/ASAD TALKS.

2. COMMENTARY IN MAY 19 MORNING PAPERS REFLECTS BASIC
ASSESSMENT OF EGYPTIANS TO WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN SINCE
ELECTIONS; I.E., ALL ISRAELIS ARE HAWKS, AND IT
CONSEQUENTLY REMAINS UP TO USG TO PRESS ISRAEL TO
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AGREE ON JUST, DURABLE PEACE ALONG LINES PRESIDENT
CARTER'S IDEAS. BEGIN'S PRESENCE MAY MAKE TASK SOMEWHAT
MORE DIFFICULT, BUT WITH "99 PERCENT OF CARDS," USG
CAN STILL PRODUCE PEACE IF IT WISHES TO DO.

3. PROMINENT AUC/CAIRO UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR ALI DESSUKY,
WRITING IN AHAM, SUGGESTS THAT SHIFT IN ISRAELI POWER

RELATIONSHIPS LIKELY USHER IN PERIOD POLITICAL INSTABILITY,
BUT EFFECT OF THIS ON PEACE SETTLEMENT WILL BE MINIMAL
SINCE LABOR/LIKUD DIFFERENCE IS ONE OF DEGREE AND NOT
OF ESSENCE.

4. PRESS COMMENTATORS ALSO MAKE SECONDARY POINTS THAT
LIKUD VICTORY MAY CHEIFLY REFLECT REJECTION OF LABOR,
ELECTORATE MIGHT GENUINELY FAVOR LIKUD IN ORDER BLOCK
US SETTLEMENT EFFORTS, OR, EVEN MORE BYZANTINE, "RULING
ZIONIST ESTABLISHMENT" MAY HAVE DECIDED CHANGE ITS TACTICS
AND INTRODUCE NEW FACES IN ORDER THWART US PLANS IN NEW
MANNER.

5. MUCH IS MADE IN PRIVATE AND IN PRINT OF BEGIN'S
"BLACK RECORD OF MASSACRE" (GAMHURIYYA). AHRAH HAS
PROFILE ENTITLED "BEGIN, THE OLD TERRORIST," RECALLING
HIS ALLEGED RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTER ALIA MASSACRE 250
DEIR YASIN VILLAGERS AND BOMBING OF
KING DAVID HOTEL IN JERUSALEM KILLING
MORE THAN 100. WE HAVE HEARD NUMEROUS REMARKS, SAID ONLY
HALF JOKINGLY, THAT ISRAEL, UNDER BEGIN, CAN NO LONGER
REFUSE DEAL WITH PLO ON GROUNDS IT "TERRORIST ORGANIZATION."

6. EXPERIENCED ANALYSIS HAVE SUGGESTED TO US PRIVATELY
THAT LIKUD LED COALITION IS WORST POSSIBLE RESULT FOR
SETTLEMENT HOPES. CLEAR LIKUD MAJORITY WOULD HAVE BEEN
BETTER. ARGUMENT IS THAT SHELTERED BY COALITION BEGIN
CAN PLAY SAME GAME EGYPTIANS ALLEGE WAS PREFECTED BY MEIR/
RABIN/PERES; I.E., LIKUD WILL SAY IT PREPARED ACCEPT USG
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SUGGESTIONS BUT DOES NOT DARE ANTAGONIZE COALITION PART-
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GOVERNMENT TAKE ITS PLACE.
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